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## WASSERMANN BROTHERS FAIL FOR \$2,000,000 AFTER SUICIDE

### \$731,790 A YEAR IN JOBS WILL FALL TO DEMOCRATS WHEN SMITH IS GOVERNOR

Eyes of Faithful on Plums to Fall Next Jan. 1.

TRANSIT BOARD ONE.

Other Fat Salaries Are at Disposal Next Administration.

By Joseph S. Jordan.  
(Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Nov. 14.—Just now the eyes of thousands of observing Democrats are looking toward the plum tree of patronage in the political orchard to which Gov.-elect Alfred E. Smith has been elected Chief Orchardist.

On Jan. 1, 1923, Mr. Smith will have the disposal of jobs which will total for the year \$406,890.

He will also have a say in the selection of bread winners in other elective departments to the amount of \$224,900, making a grand total of places which will fall to the victorious Democrats on the State ticket alone worth \$731,790.

Part of this patronage is: Attorney General, \$249,700; Comptroller, \$17,500; Engineer and Surveyor, \$38,000; Secretary of State, \$12,700; Treasurer, \$9,000.

The summing up includes only the positions in the various departments which are exempt from the Civil Service provisions.

Gov.-elect Smith has declared his purpose of abolishing the Transit Commission. The salaries, outside of the three Commissioners, who receive \$15,000 each, amount to \$169,000 a year. He has also spoken of re-organizing the Public Service Commission. In the present status of that commission only one job of \$15,000, that of Charles L. Blakeslee, falls to the Democrats.

The biggest job which will come into the keeping of the faithful will be that of the State Highway Commissioner, Commissioner Herbert S. Sisson, the incumbent, may or may not resign, but it will make a difference of only a few months, for his term expires on April 29, 1923. His salary is \$10,000 a year, and the salaries of his assistants foot up \$51,200. But the \$51,200 is a drop in the bucket to the spending money of the department, which is approximately \$13,000,000 this year, most of it being paid in wages.

Another department which will come to the Governor is that of Public Works. The position of Commissioner Charles S. Cadio expires on Jan. 1, 1923. His salary is \$8,000, and

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### First Among Sunday Newspapers

NUMBER OF SEPARATE ADVTs.  
Sunday, November 12th, 1922.

THE WORLD.....8,291 ads.  
The Times.....7,467 ads.  
The Herald.....3,059 ads.  
The American.....1,684 ads.  
The Tribune.....786 ads.  
THE WORLD'S PLURALITY.....824 ads.

And The Sunday World printed 1,550 more separate ads. than corresponded Sunday last year.

### THREE DOGS RUN WILD IN BROOKLYN, ATTACKING MANY

Policemen, Woman, Boy and Man Among Those Bitten by Collies.

FEAR RABIES INFECTION

Shots Fired in Chase Bring One to Bay in House.

A brown and white collie dog running wild at 10 o'clock this morning near Lorraine Avenue and Hendrix Street, Brooklyn, bit a woman and a man. A policeman running to the neighborhood was bitten by a dog he believed to have been the one which had attacked the man and the woman, and which he saw bite a small boy.

This dog was taken in charge by its owner, M. Goldberg, and will be held for a Pasteur examination.

A brown and white collie, believed to be the dog which really bit the man and the woman, appeared at 1 o'clock this afternoon at Shepard and Jamaica Avenues, in the Highland Park district, and bit a man and a policeman. The collie was finally shot to death.

A dog which had bitten Edgar Luther, No. 57 Crescent Street, five years old, on the left cheek just before noon, was shot to death by a policeman immediately.

The collie appeared at Hendrix Street and Lorraine Avenue, East New York, at 5 o'clock. That he was dangerous did not occur to anybody until he sprang on Mrs. Mary Cateletti, twenty-nine years old, of No. 877 Hendrix Street, from behind, biting her on the hip and nearly tearing off her skirt.

The young woman screamed and there was a great scattering on the sidewalk. The dog left her and chased William McDonald, fifty-one years old, of No. 1097 St. Mark's Avenue, up Hendrix Street, leaped on him and knocked him forward on his face and bit him on the leg and escaped.

Servano Barbato, thirteen years old, of No. 292 Glenwood Avenue, was bitten by a dog a block away. A policeman ran up and shot the dog dead. He was bitten on the left arm.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon a big brown collie and presumably the same dog which had been on Lorraine Avenue in the morning attacked John Klies of No. 475 Manor Avenue in Sheepshead and Jamaica Avenues in the Highland Park District. Klies in his effort to beat the dog off was bitten on the left hand.

His cries and those of bystanders brought Policeman George A. Walters of the Miller Avenue Station, who attempted to stun the dog with his pocket billy. The dog turned on the policeman and bit him deeply on the left leg.

The collie ran away through Shepard Avenue, to Ridgewood Avenue and Lincoln Avenue and back to Ridgewood Avenue where the policeman firing his revolver after him unsuccessfully four times and a steadily increasing crowd following.

At Ridgewood and Clinton Avenues the dog ran into the collar of a frame house, and stood at bay in a corner. Policeman Harowitz had joined Walters and the two ended the animal's life with three shots.

Walters and Klies were attended by Ambulance Surgeon Mendel and Walters reported shot and went to his home at No. 76 Convent Street. The body of the dog was sent to the Pasteur Institute to determine whether it was infected with rabies.

It was announced at the office of the Transit Commission today that the bus investigation has been postponed until to-morrow at 2 o'clock. Clarence J. Shearin, special counsel, having been called to Albany on private business.

### FAILURE FOR \$2,000,000 BY WASSERMANN BROTHERS FOLLOWS MEMBER'S SUICIDE

Crash of Prominent Wall Street Brokers Surprises Financial District.

THREE CREDITORS ACT.

Stocks Drop Two to Five Points at Announcement on Exchange.

Announcement was made from the rostrum of the New York Stock Exchange shortly after 2 o'clock to-day that Wassermann Brothers, members of the Exchange since March, 1914, was unable to meet its obligations.

Members of the firm, which had its main office at No. 42 Broadway and branch offices at No. 547 Fifth Avenue and No. 240 Fourth Avenue, were Jesse Wassermann, floor member, Jesse A. Wassermann and Arthur Stiner.

Jesse Wassermann was at one time one of the best known traders in Wall Street and his market operations were considered as second to none. During recent years the firm has been in the speculative spotlight but little, yet its resources were considered so large that the announcement of the failure was received with considerable astonishment.

At the offices of the firm it was announced that no statement would be made as to the causes of the failure. Questioners were referred to Griffiths, Safaritz & Content, attorneys, No. 126 Broadway, who seemed equally reluctant to make a statement.

Immediately following the announcement of the failure of the firm, the Stock Market, which had been displaying a nervous and unsettled tone throughout the morning, turned decidedly weak, with many speculative issues showing losses of from 2 to more than 5 points.

Under the rules of the Stock Exchange, members having contracts with members whose failure is announced must immediately sell out and such contracts. Much of the weakness this afternoon was credited to selling because of the Wassermann failure.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal District Court this afternoon by Robert P. Lewis, an attorney representing three creditors. Isaac N. Spiegelberg, No. 1017 Madison Avenue, claimed \$42,000 as balance due on stock transactions; Warren Auerback, No. 201 Riverside Drive, claimed \$80 due as balance on stock transactions, while Nicholas Ayres & Company, No. 2 Rector Street claimed \$27.12 as commissions.

The bankruptcy petition failed to give an estimate of assets and liabilities. Current Wall Street estimates place the latter at more than \$2,000,000.

The first intimation that the firm was in trouble came from a report that it had failed to pay a \$2,000,000 loan.

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15-YEAR-OLD GIRL DIES AFTER AUTO ACCIDENT

Ruth Beck of Larchmont Injured When Car Goes Over Bank.

Ruth L. Beck, fifteen, No. 22 Willow Road, Larchmont, died at the New Rochelle Hospital to-day of injuries received in an auto accident at Rockland and Palmer Avenue, Mamaroneck, Sunday.

Sunday afternoon, Ruth and two other girls were riding with two young men. The automobile struck a bump and went over a ten-foot embankment. Ruth was treated for internal injuries for which she was operated on. Another girl in the party was injured slightly.

IRENE FRANKLIN WINS LONG RACE; AT BEDSIDE OF HER DYING HUSBAND



### WINS RACE OVER DEATH, ACTRESS CHEERS HUSBAND

Irene Franklin With Dying Burton Green After Record Trip.

Winning a race against death, Irene Franklin, comedienne and vaudeville headliner, arrived to-day at her home, Chester Hill Park, Mount Vernon, on a record trip from Chicago and took up her position at the bedside of Burton Green, her husband, who is dying from a complication of diseases of the heart and kidneys.

Physicians in attendance declared today that Mr. Green's chance is only a matter of a few hours. His illness has defied the medical profession and the strengthening aids of many climes.

Miss Franklin opened her engagement in Chicago on Sunday and during her performance received notice of her husband's condition. She cut short her show and hurriedly took the first train to New York. Her words on leaving the Windy City were that her profession is a powerful influence in her life, but her husband comes first.

Mr. Green, who is forty-eight years old, had just returned from California, where he was located for the last few months in an effort to relieve his failing health. Miss Franklin attended him there with the devotion that has characterized their marriage as one of the happiest in the show business. It was thought that there was hope for a recovery, as the present engagement of Miss Franklin was taken.

MAADON'S CAR STOLEN WHILE HE IS AT AUTO SHOW.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 14.—William G. Maadon, former Secretary of the Treasury, reported to the police to-day that while he was attending an automobile show last night his motor car was stolen.

HANGED HIMSELF IN A COAT RIN.

Flourish Maadon, forty-three, a son of No. 118 East 87th Street, committed suicide by hanging in a coat rack in the cellar of No. 120 East 75th Street.

### BUILDING COLLAPSE BURIES WORKERS IN WASHINGTON ST.

One Killed and Three Probably Fatally Hurt in Old Structure.

ONIONS CAUSE DEATH.

Firemen Driven Out by Fumes From Vegetables Don Gas Masks.

An eighty-year-old six-story building at No. 135 Washington Street, near Fulton Street, formerly a part of Smith and McNeil's Hotel, collapsed in the rear at 10 o'clock to-day, falling partly in upon itself and partly into a yard. One man was killed and three others employed in the building were probably fatally injured.

The four upper floors were occupied by the produce firm of S. D. Woodruff & Sons and were used for the storage of onions in barrels and bags. Onions crushed in the collapse gave out fumes which almost overcame the firemen and policemen who searched the ruins for survivors. Members of the Fire Department Rescue Squad donned their gas masks before tackling the job of removing the debris.

The man killed was Solly Middel, No. 456 East 105th Street.

According to Dr. Harry M. Archer, Honorary Medical Officer of the Fire Department, Middel was suffocated by the fumes of crushed onions.

The identified injured, who were taken to Broad Street Hospital, are: Thomas Sawyer, No. 69 Seventh Avenue, skull fractured.

Eugene Murphy, address not known, fractured skull.

William Pearlman, No. 295 Georgia Avenue, Brooklyn, probable fracture of the spine.

Charles Roacher, a fireman of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, slipped and fell while working in the ruins and broke some small bones in his right foot. He was attended by Dr. Archer, relieved from duty and sent to his home.

Middel was the foreman of the gang engaged in storing the carload of onions on the top floor. He was on top of a pile of bags when the preliminary breakings warning of the collapse were heard, but was unable to reach the door of the room and went down to the first floor with the wreckage.

The firemen who took out Middel's body said that he was conscious until about ten minutes before his body was reached. He replied several times to their shouts of encouragement. Two pilots from St. Peter's Church in Barclay Street knelt on the outer rim of the wreckage and recited prayers while the firemen worked to reach Middel.

Within half an hour after the accident the neighborhood was swarming with city officials engaged in investigations. One of the first on the scene was David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, who said he represented Mayor Hyman.

Chief Inspector Frederick Kuehnle.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS ACQUIT HOOD SELLER

Civics Class in Police Court Says Evidence Was Lacking.

AKRON, O., Nov. 14.—Students members of a local high school class in civics sat as a jury to-day in Police Court and acquitted Rudolph Kavanagh charged with violation of the Juvenile Probation Act. The girls were spectators in court when the Kavanagh case was called. Judge A. F. O'Neil asked if they would like to act as jurors. All were eager to serve.

"There wasn't enough evidence to convict the man," the girls explained after the jury had returned its verdict. Judge O'Neil dismissed Kavanagh.

### MULE WOMAN'S MEETING WITH NEGRESS NOT ON NIGHT OF MURDER, CALENDAR SHOWS

Insists Again She Saw Killing of Rector Hall and His Choir Singer—"Mrs. Russell Picked Wrong Date; I Saw Her on Sept. 9"—Sheriff Calls Grand Jury.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

NEW BRUNSWICK, Nov. 14.—On the wall of the living room of her self-made tar-paper shack on Hamilton Road Mrs. Jane Gibson, the hog-farmer and the principal witness in the investigation of the Hall Mills murder, has a calendar with sheets 10 by 14 inches which is at once her business ledger and diary. In the rectangular space in which each date is printed she sets down the sales she has made, her disbursements, the debts incurred and the credits given to her.

### CONTEST OF WILL OF PARK BENJAMIN STARTS IN COURT

Children, Including Mrs. Caruso, Fight Against Adopted Daughter.

Formal objections to the probate of the will of Park Benjamin, international lawyer, were filed in Surrogate's Court to-day by his children, Park Benjamin, Jr., Romeyn Park Benjamin, Gladys B. Goddard, Marjorie B. Glenny and Dorothy B. Caruso. Since the day the will first was filed, leaving the Benjamin children with bequests of \$1 each, it has been stated the will would be contested.

At the time of the execution of the Benjamin will on May 11, 1920, it is alleged by the contestants that the lawyer was of unsound mind and unduly influenced by "one Anna Bolchi, the principal legatee under the will, or some person acting in concert with her." Miss Bolchi is known as the adopted daughter of Benjamin.

It is the claim of the contesting children, however, that Miss Bolchi's adoption decree obtained in Luzerne County, Pa., is void and procured by fraud upon a false suggestion and that the court was without jurisdiction.

In his will Mr. Benjamin referred to his own children as "natural," while he mentioned "his adopted daughter, Anna Bolchi Benjamin" in the terms of highest praise for her filial devotion to him in his old age, covering a period of seven years. The adopted daughter was bequeathed \$50,000 in cash and the residue of the estate, including the home at No. 270 West 23d Street, following the death of the widow.

Mrs. Benjamin, who was ill in a sanitarium only survived her husband by a few days. Mr. Benjamin also left a bequest of \$15,000 cash and the residence at No. 974 East 18th Street, Brooklyn, to Gertrude T. Porter, his confidential secretary.

Germany Asks Billion Loan to Restore Mark

Reparation Commission Receives Note Outlining Plan.

PARIS, Nov. 14 (Associated Press).—Germany's note outlining her plan for a loan of one billion gold marks (\$250,000,000) half to be supplied by the Reichsbank for the rehabilitation of the mark was formally delivered to the Reparations Commission by the German delegation this afternoon.

The plan will come up for discussion at an unofficial session of the commission to-morrow afternoon.

In cramped script she notes the birth of a litter of pigs, the number of eggs collected, the names of visiting neighbors. At the end of each month she turns the sheet back, buttoning it over the head of a tack. The back sheets are yellowed and fly specked.

Yesterday Timothy Newell Pfeiffer caused to be published the statement of Mrs. Nellie Lo Russell, a Negress neighbor of Mrs. Gibson, that on the night of Sept. 14, when Mrs. Gibson says she saw much of the tragedy on the Phillips farm, night wandering on her soft stepping Jennie mule, Mrs. Gibson was in Mrs. Russell's company on their two farms and between them from 9:30 o'clock until 11 o'clock. If Mrs. Russell's story were true Mrs. Gibson's identification of Mrs. Frances Hall and of a man with Mrs. Hall became absolutely worthless.

Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Russell are not friends, but they have business relations. Mrs. Russell mistakenly blamed Mrs. Gibson for an anonymous letter which took the county authorities to the Russell farm to investigate a complaint of mistreatment of the cows and pigs there. Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Gibson have charged each other with harboring the other's pigs.

In the white space under the date 9 on the September sheet of Mrs. Gibson's calendar as Detectives Mason and Totten saw it yesterday is an item like this: "Saw man stealing Russell's Prince. Took Prince home to Russell."

The detectives studied the entry with a magnifying glass. There were fly specks on the writing. They were satisfied that it was a genuine entry made on Sept. 9 and could not be an interpolation made within the last few days. They examined other sheets of the calendar and found entries noting the sale on credit by Mrs. Gibson of corn fodder to Mrs. Russell.

The broad satisfaction of the detectives suggested that the fly specked calendar-ledge-diary had revealed other corroborations of Mrs. Gibson's story—even as to Sept. 14 and her misdirected early efforts to get her information about the murder to the authorities. But as to this the investigators would not say a word.

"Before looking at the calendar," Mrs. Gibson told the detectives, "I knew Mrs. Russell was right, so far as it went that I saved Prince for her. But I was sure she was wrong in the date, because that was the night I saw the murder. And here it is—the Saturday before."

"I don't care much about Mrs. Russell. I mean we are not friends, but the poor woman has a hard time of it over there, just as I have a hard time here. It wasn't sympathy for her that made me go out and take the dog away from the Hungarian who was stealing it. I am very fond of animals—everybody who knows me knows that. And I hated to see Prince being dragged away from his home. Besides, that dog stealing is a bad business around here; when you miss your dog or see dog thieves around you know there are chicken thieves and pig thieves to be expected in the neighborhood soon afterward."

In mute testimony of her love for

DODGE TOURING CAR GIVEN AWAY FREE

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THIS WEEK "WHAT DID YOU SEE TO-DAY?"

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